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PLAYING THE GAME

It is appropriate as the school year gets underway, and football leads off among the school sports to hit the front pages during the nine-month period, to point out to players and fans that sportsmanship is more important than winning.

Winning in sports is, however, important. The winning spirit is something that American competitors have always exhibited and without a few victories one suspects that spirit is lacking. Thus the will to win and the willingness to persist, and the determination to achieve a goal, all are part of winning.

Winning is not so important, either in sports or in life, that one should place it above all other values. The individual or team which must resort to fouls or unethical recourses is not the winner. And one thing which should be kept in mind by footballers especially — because of the great pressure that the adult fan brings to bear concerning this sport — is that football records and achievements mean relatively less in after-school life.

The great values to be gained in high school or college are an education, the art of getting along with people and general experience, maturity and self sufficiency. A few years from now few people will remember the score of that "big game."

Thus, if it takes something unfair, unclean, or unsportsmanlike to win—forget it. High school or college is, first of all, a place for young minds to be educated. We hope more and more youngers will participate in sports. We hope that they will play as hard as they can to win, and develop the will to persevere and go on to victory. This is one thing about sports that really is education—although not in the headlines.

TWO CRISES ARE UPON US

Perhaps two of the greatest crises which are confronting the State Department, in the tense cold war with communism, concern the Quemoy Islands and Jordan.

To the west, which we call the Far East, the communists have been shelling the Quemoy Islands in record intensity. Chinese Nationalist leaders on the island are not sure whether this is the prelude to an actual assault or not.

The delicate part of this situation is the presence of Americans on Quemoy, and our positive commitment to the defense of Formosa. The American involvement would present alarming situations. But, if as is suspected in some quarters, that the communists are really after political concessions and are using the threat of a real fight for Formosa as a means of gaining U. N. admission, etc., then we are once again involved in difficult decisions.

On the other side of the world, in Jordan, King Hussein is reported to have held out the olive branch to President Nasser, of Egypt. President Nasser's reply is supposed to have been: "Why should I deal with a dead duck?" If reports from the Middle East are true, King Hussein is holding on by the thinnest of margins. Once the two thousand British paratroopers who are now in Jordan are withdrawn, one wonders whether Hussein can stand up under the pressure being exerted against his regime by the pro-Nasser and the pro-communist forces in Jordan.

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RUSSELL AND JOHNSON

Senator Richard Russell, titular leader of the Southerners in the Senate, has gone on record as saying that Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson may still be the best bet of the South for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1960.

One must examine this statement carefully to understand what it means. In the first place, Senator Russell is supposedly bitterly disappointed over Johnson's behavior toward the South in the just-concluded 85th Congress. Johnson fell over himself backwards, forwards and sideways to please the so-called leftwing liberals" of the North. The Southerners are not happy over the partnership with these Northerners. And with the trend swinging stronger by the hour towards a fabulous Democratic victory at the polls in 1960, as well as in the Congressional elections this November, it could possibly be that Senator Russell realizes that the party "liberals" will be more militant than ever, and it may be that the Southerners will have to "go along" with the Texan Majority Leader. Save for their age, Senator Russell and/or Senator Byrd would be the Southerner's choice for 1960. And it is entirely possible that some Southerners are going to start asking: What's wrong with Gov. Faubus?

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The morals of the world will not improve until the average man and woman, in finding out what a man has, will want to know how he got it.

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Life's Follies: People who work hard to get the money and the time to do what they want to do, and then find that they have waited too long.

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The proper method of reforming the world is by reforming yourself, not your neighbors.

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Life is impeded by people who want the benefits without the accompanying obligations.

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Modern life moves with a snap and a hustle, which comes so fast that few of us have time to think.

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If you hear something good about a friend, tell our reporter. We will gladly help spread the news.

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There are parents who have children who can spend money faster than the parents can earn it.

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There are men who would jump out of their graves if they could see their granddaughters walking down Main Street in abbreviated shorts.

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The main trouble with solving problems, as we see it, is that they are being tackled by too many people who know next to nothing about them.

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The old man who walked five or six miles to school, many years ago, has grandchildren who need an automobile to travel a few blocks.

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Never induce a person to make a promise that you know will not be kept.

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Beware of anything that anybody tells you is a "perfect set-up."

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Bible Material: Exodus 20:15; Leviticus 6:4; 25:35-38; Deuteronomy 25:13-16; Proverbs 11:1; Amos 8:4; Luke 19:1-10; James 5:1-6; 1 Peter 4:7-11.

Devotional Reading: Micah 6:9-15.

God In Business

Lesson for September 14, 1958

WHERE can we find God? In church, yes; in the great out-of-doors, yes. In prayer in the quiet room, or under the mighty far-off stars. God is everywhere.

But is God in business? We don't mean, is God doing business? He always is, of course. We mean, is God in the business life of our time? Is he on the stock exchange, is he in attendance at board meetings of great corporations, is he in the little country stores, is he in horse trades or on used-car lots? "The Economy" is a phrase used so often nowadays that even teen-agers must know in general what it means. "The Economy" is today's jargon for all the financial doings that keep our industrial and agricultural wheels going, the word includes those four pillars of all business anywhere any time: production, marketing, accounting and finance. Is God in the economy of America?

Dr. Foreman

Simple Honesty

Now it might be that not a reader of this column is a "business man." For all that, every reader is engaged in business some way or other part of the time. "Money isn't everything, but money's into everything." If we live, breathe and eat groceries, we are connected, more or less, with the vast web of buying, selling, owning, renting, earning, spending (yes and wasting, which is economics gone mad), all of which we lump together under the head of "The Economy" or just "economic life." Let us think not of something big, something a congressman might plan for. Let us think of economics on Main Street, at the supermarket, on the bus, maybe our few dollars at the bank. Let's forget about the hundred dollar bills and think about smal change.

Are we honest about all these things? Does our religion affect the way we price what we have to sell (if only a few eggs or bales of hay)? Do we make honest statements about what we buy and sell? The command of God is: "Thou shalt not steal." Nothing said about "Thou shalt not steal a whole lot," or "Thou shalt not steal unless thou canst get by with it"! Taking any kind of advantage of any other person (or corporation, for that matter) so that they are the poorer for what you did, is stealing.

Is it a sin to be rich?

There are so many condemnations of rich people in the Bible, that some readers of it have the impression that God condemns rich people just because they are rich. This is not true. A more careful reading shows that whenever a wealthy person is denounced in the name of God, is isn't because of his wealth, by itself. There are too many highly-praised persons of wealth in the Bible to allow us to believe that wealth is a sin, period. The point is not: How much do you have? or, What is the amount, in dollars, which is the limit a good Christian can have? The point is: How did you get what you have? Jesus' brother James calls down doom on certain rich farmers, not because they had money but because their wealth was gained by underpaying their hired men. Making money by making men poor is stealing, and sin.

Is this spirit possible?

Saint Peter gives us what is better than a rule: he tells us the right kind of spirit that a Christian ought to have. Our gifts, he writes, are to be employed "for one another;" service is to be rendered in such as to glorify God. We all feel that this is the right spirit for "church work." But is it practicable to take this same spirit into business, into our economic life? Is it possible, in business transactions, to serve one another for the glory of God? This is a vital question. If we have to say No, it is not practicable, then we are saying that we can be Christian only in our leisure time, not our workingtime. If we want to live as Christians around the clock, throughout the week, then we shall have to think out ways in which we can carry this spirit of devotion to God and man into the dollars-and-cents world. Can it be done? Each reader is challenged to make the experiment.

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Washington Notes

Wart Rickover Promotion

A group of Democratic senators has demanded that the Navy promote Rear Admiral H. G. Rickover. They said he will be forced into retirement in a year or so unless he is raised to three-star rank.

Travel Caution

The State Department has cautioned Americans not to travel along Austria's frontier adjoining Communist Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

The Austrian Interior Ministry recently went on record as saying: "Shots from beyond the border, mine explosions, electric barbed-wire fences, and possibly even abductions threaten anyone in the immediate vicinity of the border with Hungary or Czechoslovakia."

Tests Completed

The Atomic Energy Comission recently announced that it has completed its nuclear weapons tests at Johnston Island in the mid-Pacific and the area is being opened to ship and plane traffic.

Wants Restrictions Eased

The United States is pressing Iraq's revolutionary government to ease restrictions on American diplimats in Baghdad.

Iraq's attitude on this will be viewed as a clue to the sincerity of its pledge to seek friendly relations with the United States.

Broader Aid Plan

President Eisenhower has proposed a major new move to strengthen the financial backing for world trade and world economic development.

The President has instructed Robert B. Anderson, Secretary of the Treasury, to support an increase in contributaions, including dollar contributions, to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Monetary Fund.

Money Votes Set Record

The session of Congress just ended voted a peacetime record of $83,000,000,000 in appropriations and other forms of spending authority, an analysis showed recently.

The study of all the financial actions of the session was made by the Tax Foundation.

Insurance Rider

The Veteran's Administration has announced that more than 5,000,000 veterans could qualify to buy a new type of total disability income insurance effective Nov. 1.

Under the new law, policy holders who become totally disabled from any cause before age 60 and while having the newly authorized rider in effect, will receive an income of $10 a month for each $1,000 face amount of the G. I. policy. Currently the maximum is $5 a month per $1,000.

Purple Hart Bill

President Eisenhower recently signed legislation granting a Congressional charter to the Military Order of the Purple Heart. The legislation limits membership to all persons who have received or are eligible to receive the Purple Heart medal for combat records.

A Good Reason

Nampa, Idaho.- When flames destroyed an empty theater recently, anxious firemen really worked with a will to halt the blaze. The reason? The flames could have spread to the building next door — the fire station.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

Does the sun have much to do with our weather — other than heating the earth and bodies of water?

Yes, it is generally agreed now, among the experts that the sun affects our weather to a remarkable degree. Not all of the relationship is understood.

But is is known that the mere heating of the earth and bodies of water is but one of the many influences the sun controls. The sun is thought to be the key to trends of weather on earth, a cycle of cold weather, or warm, which may cover decades, or scores of years. The sun has low pressure, or storm areas moving around its surfacea, and these may partially control our weather.

Of course, the sun's heating power is the source of clouds, and moisture—as a result of clouds.

Fancy food trade is seeking more of gift business.

Soviet aide hints at plan to put man in space.

David and Goliath

London.- David and Goliath again in battle, some in a playing field in the county of Kent. Goliath, a 1,285-pound bull, charged through hedges and fences and terrified children. Four-year old David, 43 pounds, stood his ground three or four times. This was enough for Goliath. He turned and fled.

At last report the bull was grazing in a field distant from a fence.

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And, in like manner, *your hometown businessman is expected to know a lot of answers.* He must be ready at all times to work with you for the solution of some pressing problem.

Maybe it is a transportation problem, and your car dealer or service station man is the hometown business man you consult first.

Maybe it is a problem of money and financing of some vital need. Your hometown banker is the man to whom you naturally turn.

Or, it may be a matter of some piece of farm machinery or equipment. You simply must have service and repairs, and every minute counts.

You may need to know the answer to something important about building materials, what kind of paint or roofing to use, etc. Or a piece of timber to be cut and you want the specifications and price.

Maybe the answer you need is to be found at your hometown department store with its tremendous varieties and assortments; your independent telephone company, or the friend who can give you emergency ambulance service. Maybe it is the answer to what formula of fertilizer to use, when to plant and how much. Or, it may be something important about a motor, electrical wiring, plumbing, or hardware service.

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